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COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION IN BIPOLAR DISORDER: BETWEEN DETERMINANTS AND CONSEQUENCES

1. Findings from neuropsychological assessments are often misinterpreted; the extent to which cognitive test results can be interpreted as a reflection of abnormalities in brain function and even brain structure is frequently exaggerated. *(this thesis)*
2. The complexity of functions involved in any single neuropsychological test almost always prohibits the conclusion, based solely on test performance, that a specific brain region is impaired. *(this thesis)*
3. In bipolar patients mild to moderate severe depressive symptoms are responsible for a substantial part of the variance in cognitive functioning. *(this thesis)*
4. Clinicians should be alert to depressive symptoms rather than objective cognitive dysfunction in bipolar patients expressing complaints about their cognitive functioning. *(this thesis)*
5. In bipolar patients with lifetime psychotic features processing speed may be a key variable in the prediction of illness insight. *(this thesis)*
6. It is too early to pharmacologically treat cognitive dysfunction in bipolar patients by improving HPA-axis functioning. *(this thesis)*
7. Ook onderzoek dat gefaciliteerd wordt door de farmaceutische industrie, heeft een rol in het publiceren van negatieve studieresultaten, zodat er een krachtig signaal uitgaat naar het bestrijden van de moeilijk uitroeibare publicatiebias.
8. Patiënten met een bipolaire stoornis beschrijven als bipolaire patiënten geeft het spanningsveld aan tussen de mens niet vereenzelvigen met zijn stoornis versus iemand door middel van zelfmanagement alert te maken op ziektesignalen (*Oratie prof. dr. R.W. Kupka, hoogleraar bipolaire stoornissen, 14 april 2011*)
9. Statistiek en psychiatrie liggen in elkaars verlengde, zoals ook de term regressie-analyse impliceert.
10. We zullen alles moeten veranderen om te behouden wat we hebben. (*De Tijgerkat, Giuseppe Tamasi di Lampedusa*)
11. Een van de mooiste plekjes in Friesland is de bushalte naar Groningen; hetzelfde geldt visa versa.